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Marines Prepare For The Holiday

When the Marines kick off their annual Toys for Tots campaign, you know the holidays are fast upon us. For 55 years, it's been a project that warms the hearts of many and brings smiles to children's faces.

For the past few weeks, Staff Sgt. Jenkins has been pulling together this year's campaign with help from his staff.. Their efforts will cover four different homes within the community. One home is for teenage mothers and their children, another is an orphanage, another is for abused children and yet another has older children (12-15) living there.



Please bring an unwrapped toy and drop it off at one of the boxes located in the Embassy or at the airport. I'm certain a child will appreciate it more than we will know.

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Track Santa's Every Move With Norad

In a world whose nations can never lower their guard against hostile missile or air attack, it's easy to see how a jolly sleigh driver and nine reindeer - rocketing through international airspace without a filed flight plan - could easily be riding into danger. There is, however, no reason to worry, because for the last 46 years the North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) and its predecessor, the Continental Air Defense Command (CONAD), have been on hand to guarantee Santa's safety and track his progress throughout Christmas Eve.



The Santa-tracking operations began back in 1955, when the telephone number for a Santa hotline, misprinted in a Sears Roebuck ad, put a number of kids eager to talk to the man in red through to a hotline of a different sort: that of CONAD's commander-in-chief of operations.

Today, the operation is run by a team of volunteers from Cheyenne Mountain and Peterson Air Force Base, who, supported by donations, hosted an estimated 100 million visits last year.

Need to get into the holiday spirit, play a game or even send Santa a letter; then check out this website:

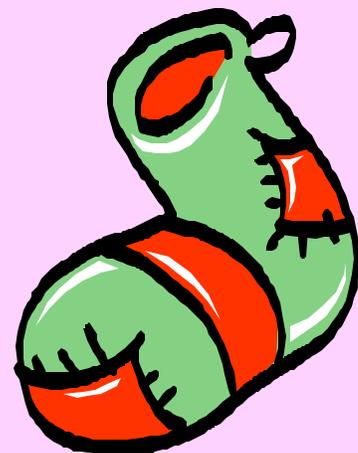
<http://www.northpole.com/>



Did you know...Toys for Tots All Started With a Rag Doll

U.S. Marine Corps Reserve's Toys for Tots is celebrating its 58th anniversary this year, thanks to Bill and Diane Hendricks, who started the program for needy Los Angeles children during Christmas, 1947.

Diane Hendricks had collected some toys and had knitted a red and white rag doll to give to some underprivileged children.



She couldn't find anyone collecting toys, so she turned to her husband, Bill, for help.

Hendricks, then a major in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve at the Chavez Ravine station, suggested to his commanding officer that Marine Reservists initiate a toy drive. "He liked the idea," Hendricks (a retired Colonel) recalled this week.

"And he said two words: 'Don't fail.'"

The Marines collected 7,000 toys that year, with the Hendricks' (who never had children of their own) and their friends delivering them to families until midnight Christmas Eve. "Anybody who said hello to me that first year got drafted to deliver toys," said Hendricks, who lives in Burbank.

Last year, Toys for Tots volunteers in 50 states and Panama distributed more than 7 million toys to 3 million children.

Collection barrels for the drive can be found at many corporate headquarters, churches, social and civic organizations. Toys for Tots have become a traditional Christmas fixture at Warner Studios, where Hendricks previously worked as publicity director, assistant to studio head Jack Warner. He was director of the cartoon department and an Academy Award-winning documentary producer.

"It was a success right from the start," Bill Hendricks said, "and it all started with that magical rag doll. It showed there was a need for this kind of program then, and I believe there's a bigger need today."

Joseph Smith	12.02	MSG DRIVER
Mark Minor	12.04	DEA - NASSAU
Domingo Evangelista	12.05	CBP - NASSAU
Madeline Ioannou	12.06	AMB/OMS
Immaculata Hamilton	12.08	GSO/PROCUREMENT
Jerome Hutchinson	12.09	DEA - NASSAU
Adalbert Ingraham	12.11	GSO/MOTORPOOL
Janice Styles	12.12	DEA - NASSAU
Elizabeth Moxey	12.12	POL/ECON
Karen Wiebelhaus	12.18	GSO
Blake Thomas	12.19	CBP - NASSAU
Reuben Forbes	12.25	AMB/DRIVER
Stephen Jameson	12.26	CBP - NASSAU
Devin Unruh	12.27	OPBAT
Leonard Young	12.27	CBP - NASSAU
Lynn Ruscoe	12.30	CBP - NASSAU
Michael Honigstein	12.31	CONS

Happy Birthday!!



Through the Eyes of a Child!

We were the only family with children in the restaurant. I sat Erik in a high chair and noticed everyone was quietly eating and talking. Suddenly, Erik squealed with glee and said, "Hi there!" He pounded his fat baby hands on the highchair tray. His eyes were wide with excitement and his mouth was bared in a toothless grin. He wriggled and giggled with merriment.

I looked around and saw the source of his merriment. It was a man with a tattered rag of a coat, dirty, greasy, and worn. His pants were baggy with a zipper at half-mast and his toes poked out of would-be shoes. His shirt was dirty and his hair was uncombed and unwashed. His whiskers were too short to be called a beard and his nose was so varicose it looked like a road map. We were too far from him to smell, but I was sure he smelled.

His hands waved and flapped on loose wrists. "Hi there, baby! Hi there, big boy! I see ya, buster," the man said to Erik.

My husband and I exchanged looks, What do we do?

Erik continued to laugh and answer, "Hi, hi there!" Everyone in the restaurant noticed and looked at us and then at the man. The old geezer was creating a nuisance with my beautiful baby. Our meal came and the man began shouting from across the room, "Do ya know patty cake? Do you know peek-a-boo? Hey, look, he knows peek-a-boo!" Nobody thought the old man was cute.

He was obviously drunk. My husband and I were embarrassed. We ate in silence, all except for Erik, who was running through his repertoire for the admiring skid-row bum, who in turn, reciprocated with his comments.

We finally got through the meal and headed for the door. My husband went to pay the check and told me to meet him in the parking lot. The old man sat poised between me and the door. Lord, just let me out of here before he speaks to me or Erik, I prayed.

As I drew closer to the man, I turned my back trying to sidestep him and avoid any air he might be breathing. As I did, Erik leaned over my arm, reaching with both arms in a baby's "pick me up" position. Before I could stop him, Erik had propelled himself from my arms to the man's. Suddenly a very old smelly man and a very young baby expressed their love. Erik in an act of total trust, tenderness, and submission lay his tiny head upon the man's ragged shoulder. The man's eyes closed, and I saw tears hover beneath his lashes. His aged hands full of grime, pain, and hard labor gently, so gently, cradled my baby's bottom and stroked his back. No two beings have ever loved so deeply for so short a time. I stood awestruck. The old man rocked and cradled Erik in his arms for a moment, and then his eyes opened and set squarely on mine. He said in a firm commanding voice, "You take care of this baby."

Somehow I managed, "I will," from a throat that contained a stone.

He pried Erik from his chest, unwillingly, longingly, as though he were in pain. I received my baby, and the man said, "God bless you, ma'am. You've given me my Christmas gift." I said nothing more than a muttered thanks.

With Erik in my arms, I ran for the car. My husband was wondering why I was crying and holding Erik so tightly, and why I was saying, "My God, my God, forgive me." I had just witnessed love shown through the innocence of a tiny child who saw no sin, who made no judgment, a child who saw a soul, and a mother who saw a suit of clothes.

I had been blind to this man's needs, holding a child who was not. I felt it was God asking, "Are you willing to share your son for a moment?" The ragged old man, unwittingly, had reminded me, what is important in my life"

Author unknown

FROM THE HEALTH CORNER

Nurse Carol will be away from the Island!!

Nurse Carol will be leaving island December 16th and returning December 29th. In the event, you are sick the Walk in clinic will have the following hours:

December 15th: Collins Office 7 am – 2 pm Sandyport 8am-2pm
December 24th: Collins Office 7 am– 2pm Sandyport 8am-2pm
December 25th **Closed**
December 26th, 27th Collins Office 8 am-3pm Sandyport **Closed**
December 31 Collins Office 7am-2pm Sandyport **Closed**
January 1, 2006 **Closed**
January 2, 2006: Collins Office 8am-3pm, Sandyport Closed

Reminder: It's not
to late to get your
flu shot.

DECEMBER IS "SAFE TOYS AND GIFTS" MONTH

Here are some tips from the National Safe Kids Campaign for buying safe toys for children:

- When selecting toys, consider the child's age, interests and skill level. Look for quality design and construction, and follow age and safety recommendations on labels.
- Consider purchasing a small parts tester to determine whether small toys may present a choking hazard to children under age 3. Small parts testers can be purchased at toy or baby specialty stores or online.
- Toys are frequently recalled for safety reasons. Check the National Safe Kids Campaign website www.safekids.org <<http://www.safekids.org/>> for updates and information on recent toy recalls.
- Use Mylar balloons instead of latex to eliminate the risk of choking or latex allergy reaction.
- Avoid toys with sharp points or edges, toys that produce loud noises, and projectiles (such as darts)
- Avoid toys with strings, straps or cords longer than 7 inches that may pose a risk for strangulation for young children.
- Avoid electrical toys with heating elements for children under age 8.
- Avoid cap guns that use caps that can be ignited by the slightest friction and can cause serious burns.

Holiday Gatherings: Keeping Healthy

Wash hands frequently – use soap and warm water before and after preparing food and using the toilet

Get proper bed rest – keep to your sleep schedule as much as possible

Use paper towels – don't dry hands on a dishtowel or apron where germs and bacteria can fester; provide guests with disposable hand towels

Replace sponges frequently – they can harbor most kitchen bacteria

Label guest glasses – popular "guest charms" (ornaments fitted on the base of cocktail glasses) prevent guests from accidentally sharing drinks

Stock/drink non-alcoholic beverages – drink plenty of water

Serve individual portions – prevent guests from spreading germs when sharing from the same platters



Don't kiss & hug/shake hands – if you feel sick, do your host and guests a favor and keep your germs to yourself

And for goodness sake, Don't double dip – scoop small portions of food onto your plate

SECURITY ALERTS: Security Incidents

How You Can Help Reduce Security Incidents

From the Director General

1. The Bureau of Diplomatic Security (DS) periodically issues statistical reports on security incidents at the Department and its posts abroad. The most recent report, issued at the end of January 2005, shows a 21% increase in security incidents at home and abroad in 2004. This message provides a summary of those findings and suggests how we can lower the number of incidents now and in the years to come.
2. In 2004, the total number of domestic and overseas security incidents was 1,479 as opposed to 1,224 in 2003, a 21% increase in total incidents. Incidents in the United States totaled 245 in 2004 and 259 in 2003, a decrease of 5%. Overseas, however, although the results in some bureaus showed decreases, overall security incidents increased by 17% from 575 in 2003 to 674 in 2004. The most significant increase occurred at tenant agencies overseas, from 390 (2003) to 560 (2004).
3. DS recommends several straightforward solutions to this problem that I ask all employees, and especially supervisors, to take to heart. First, mandatory security checks at the end of the day where classified material is stored and processed. Second, clear marking of equipment used to process classified material. Third, a robust security program at post, including training and awareness for employees. As the statistics for 2004 show, tenant agencies require special attention.
4. As Director General, I often see the consequences of poor performance in security matters on the careers of some of our colleagues. Paying closer attention to security issues now, an important responsibility in itself, also will help to reduce the number of those cases in the future. It also is worth remembering that the proper handling of classified material and information is an article in the Core Precepts for all American Foreign Service employees and that a poor security performance can influence recommendations for assignments, promotions, and performance pay.
5. With your help and renewed commitment to the protection of classified material and information, I know that we will be able to see improvements in all categories by the time of the next DS report on security incidents later this year.

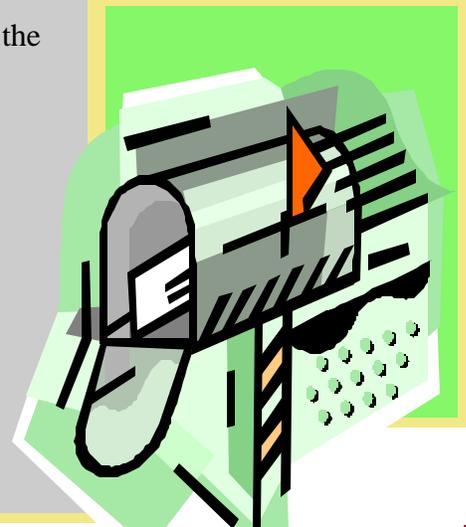
John V. Kane
Regional Security Officer
242-322-1181 ext. 4329

Unsolicited Email

Finally, all users are encouraged to implement the following recommendations which can greatly reduce the likelihood of being targeted with spam.

- (1) Keep your state.gov email address private.
- (2) Create an alternate email address (Yahoo or Hotmail, for example) for public interactions.
- (3) Don't post your state.gov address on the web or list yourself in Internet directories.
- (4) Don't forward chain email from your state.gov address.
- (5) Review a website's privacy policy before doing business online.
- (6) Ignore SPAM - don't reply or try to unsubscribe/remove yourself from lists.

"Remember Spam does not discriminate!"





Junka-news

Hurricane News



**Due to our lack of Hurricanes.....
Lets talk about snow!!**

Ten Reasons to Live in the Bahamas

1. You never have to purchase a snow shovel.
2. You never have to dry snowsuits and mittens.
3. There is no such thing as four seasons, we have one: January through December.
4. Complaining about winter is not a popular sport.
5. You can be reassured that it won't snow during May, June or July.
6. People do not use weather as their only conversational piece like in Iowa.... Sorry Nancy!
7. We never discuss *supporting* Global Warming like they do in Michigan?
8. You never have to go get your husband off a snow pile because he's tried another idiotic stunt like last year.
9. You can't blame the snow storms for phone outages.
10. Of course you can't get your tongue stuck to a flag pole.

How do elves greet each other? "Small world, isn't it?"

How do you describe a rich elf? Welfy

How long should an elf's legs be? Just long enough to reach the ground!

How many elves does it take to change a light bulb? Ten! One to change the light bulb and nine to stand on each other's shoulders!

If athletes get athlete's foot, what do elves get? Mistle-toes!

If there were 11 elves, and another one came along, what would he be? The twelf

Santa rides in a sleigh. What do elves ride in? Mini vans!

What did the elf say was the first step in using a Christmas computer? "First, YULE LOGon!"

What do elves sing to Santa? Freeze a Jolly Good Fellow!

What do Elves use to go from floor to floor? An Elflevator

E Snow Jokes

L What happened when the snow girl fell out with the snowboy?

F She gave him the cold shoulder!

J What's an ig? An eskimo's home without a loo!

O What do snowmen eat for lunch? Icebergers!

K Where do snowmen go to dance? Snowballs!

E How do snowmen travel around ? By iceicle !

S What do you get if you cross a snowman and a shark ?

Frost bite !

Management Memos

FSN of the Quarter Award

Post Management is requesting nominations for the **FSN of the Quarter Award** for the period July – September 2005. Deadline for submission is December 30, 2005.

The Mission FSN of the Quarter Award will recognize high performance and the value to the U.S. Government of the special contributions made by Foreign National and Personal Service Agreement Employees, and Personal Services Contractors of all agencies at Embassy Nassau.

Recipients of the FSN of the Quarter Award will receive a letter of recognition signed by the Ambassador, and their name will be inscribed on the Mission Plaque to be placed in the Embassy foyer.

Procedure for submitting nominations:

- Nominations for the Quarterly Award can be submitted by any Mission employee.
- Nominations are to be submitted via memo to the attention of the Management Officer.
- Nominations will be reviewed by the Awards Committee, who will make the final decision. The Awards Committee will comprise of the following sections: MGT/HR, CONS, POL/ECON, NAS, RSO

All are encouraged to submit nominations for our well-deserved colleagues.

Rumor has it.....that it is better to give than receive!

Welcome to this year's official Combined Federal Campaign Season.

I have sent each of you a packet that includes the 2005 Catalog of Caring from which to choose your favorite cause and the Fall 2005 Pledge Card Form. With the form you can opt to give through payroll deduction or a one-time donation.

I will be stopping by to see you during the week to answer any questions you might have and to pick up contribution forms.

CFC's worldwide goal this year is \$56 million dollars. I urge each of you to give generously.

Be an Everyday Hero!!!

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EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION AND AWARDS CEREMONY

Due to Hurricane Wilma, the original date of the Employee Appreciation and Awards Ceremony had to be rescheduled. As we are now in the heart of the holiday season and I want to keep this event separate from Christmas/Holiday parties, this important event has been moved to Friday, February 3, 2006. Also, financial considerations made it impossible to schedule a second awards presentation in FY 2005. I did not want to disadvantage those awardees and so we waited until the new fiscal year when funds became available. The Employee Appreciation and Awards Ceremony will be held at my residence, Liberty Overlook, from 2:00pm – 4:00pm. I hope that all Mission Personnel, both Bahamian and American are able to attend. The Employee Appreciation and Awards Ceremony is an opportunity for all of those to come together as a mission and recognize the hard work and achievement of many of our colleagues. Please mark this date on your calendar and join us for an afternoon of fellowship and recognition. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Ambassador Rood



EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

EMBASSY PERSONNEL

Post One Marine Guard 328-2206

AMBULANCES

Doctor's Hospital ETS (Ambu.) 302-4747

POLICE/FIRE

Police Emergency 919 • 911

Police Duty Officer 322-3334

Fire Emergency 919 • 911

LOCAL GUARD

FMS Dispatcher 322-7463

HOSPITALS / CLINICS

Doctor's Hospital 322-8411 • 322-8414

Princess Margaret Hospital 322-2861
• 326-7014

Lyford Cay Hospital 362-4025 / 6 • 362-4400

Lyford Cay Clinic 362-4025

StatCare Emergency Centre 328-5596 / 7 / 8

Walk-In Medical Clinic 328-0783 • 328-2744

Health Unit at Sandyport 327-1850 or 1852

(Freeport) Rand Memorial 1(242) 352-6735 / 9

PHYSICIANS

Post Medical Advisor, Dr. Eneas 393-5404

Regional Medical Officer:
Dr. Christensen, Ft. Lauderdale (954) 630-1150/1

Embassy Nurse Carol Clowes 427-2508

CDC Poison Control Center 1-800-222-1222

HOLIDAY SAFETY

The holiday season is here! To ensure everybody's holidays are happy and safe, we are sending out the following safety tips. Two posts have reported fires to OBO last year that were directly attributed to holiday decorations, so the information is relevant.

Candles: Use sturdy candleholders that do not tip over easily, so not burn, and are large enough to collect wax drippings. Do not place lit candles in windows or near blinds and curtains. Place candles and open flames away from flammable liquids. Trim the wick to one-quarter inch. Avoid candles with combustible items embedded in them.

Holiday Decorations: Do not put electrical lights on metal trees. It will be a "shocking" experience! Check the condition of wires on the electrical tree lights. Replace those strings that have cracked or frayed wires. Avoid using combustible decorations on the tree. Any spark can ignite them, and would be surprised how quickly the fire can spread.

Fresh Christmas Trees: The scent of a freshly cut pine tree really brings the holiday spirit into your home. Prior to putting the tree into a watered stand; cut a half-inch or more off the trunk end of the tree. Sap has sealed the end and will not allow the tree to absorb water. Check the water level daily. Even when well watered, the tree will eventually dry out and the needles will start to fall off. When the needles have lost their sheen and turn a dull grayish-green, and the slightest touch cause them to fall to the floor, it's time to remove the tree from your house. Dry trees are an EXTREME FIRE HAZARD.

For additional information on holiday fire safety, including decorating live trees, please see the "Special Events" section of the OBO Fire Protection Guide at the OM/FIR web site. Go to: http://obo.state.gov/omfir/Fire_Protection_Guide/D-2%20SPECIAL%EVENTS-2004.pdf.

If you have any questions about safety issues, please contact POSHO, Bel Vanderploeg, at ext: 4275 or Vanderploegbj@state.gov

Cubicle Life

How to be more productive in your cubicle!

Keeping Distractions to a Minimum

When you are too busy, post a sign outside your cubicle entry. For example, "Travel Hours: 9-12." Or "Working to meet a deadline, please send me an email or a voicemail." Take notice of these signs and be courteous. Everyone is doing the work of at least two people. Keep candy jars, joke, calendars and other distractions near the edge of your cubicle or outside your cubicle entry. Also keep your inbox and outbox near your cubicle entrance or outside your cubicle.

Don't drop in on others. It gives them an invitation to do the same to you. Handle drop-ins, by standing, stepping toward your entrance and explaining that you've got to get back to work.

If you can arrange it, have your desk face the wall and not the entrance. You'll be less likely to make eye contact with passers-by, which can be perceived as an invitation for a break.

Keeping the Noise Level Down

Keep the volume low on your music players. Remember you cannot use the music player on your computer because it slows down the system for everyone. If you play your own personnel player turn the volume down and others will pick up on your idea. If outside noise gets out of control, politely let your neighbors know. Create a department wide signal to let others know that you are on a call and need complete silence.

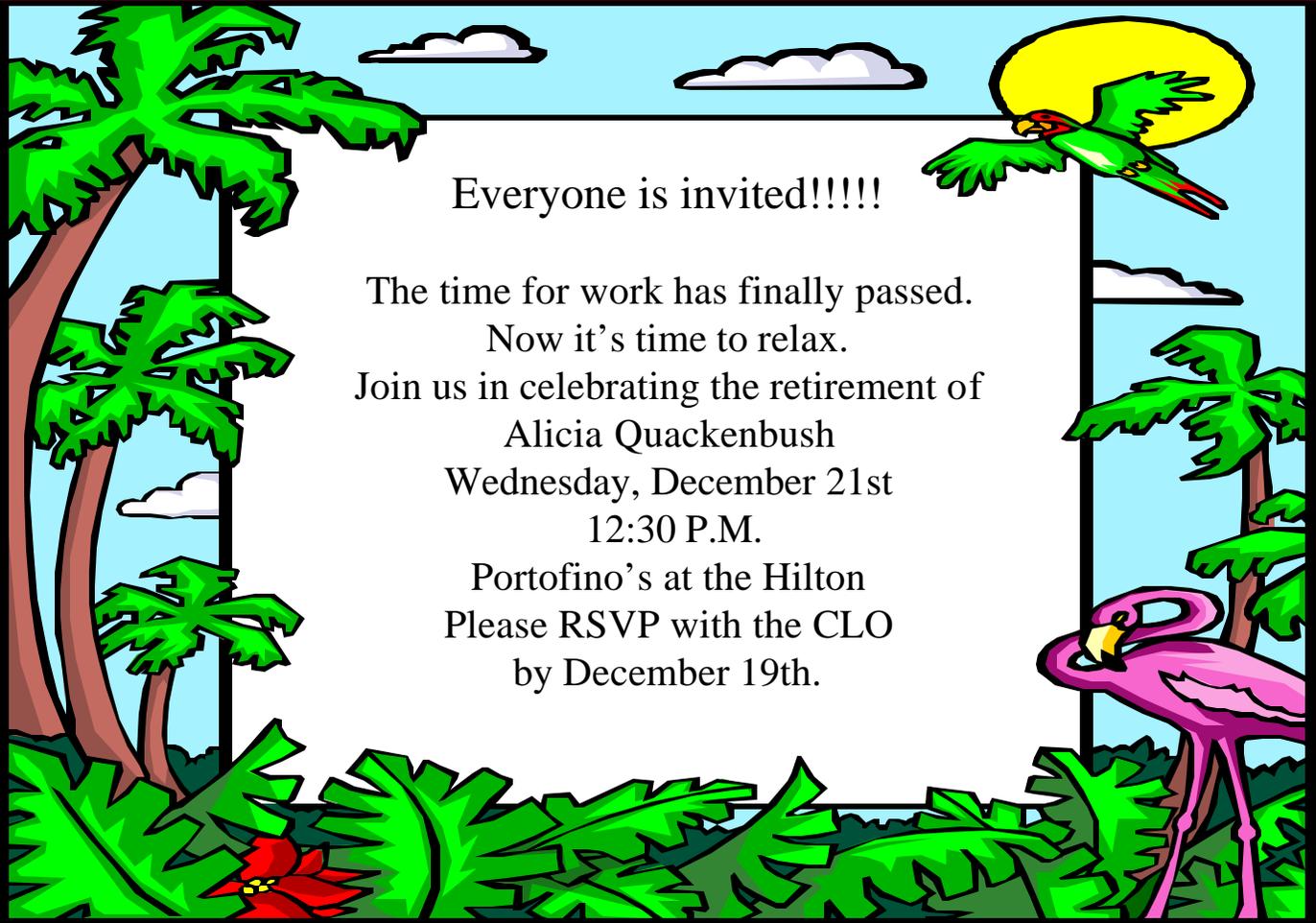


News from Post One New Marine!!!

Please help me give a warm welcome to our newest Marine, Sgt Joe Novak who will be arriving December 18th.

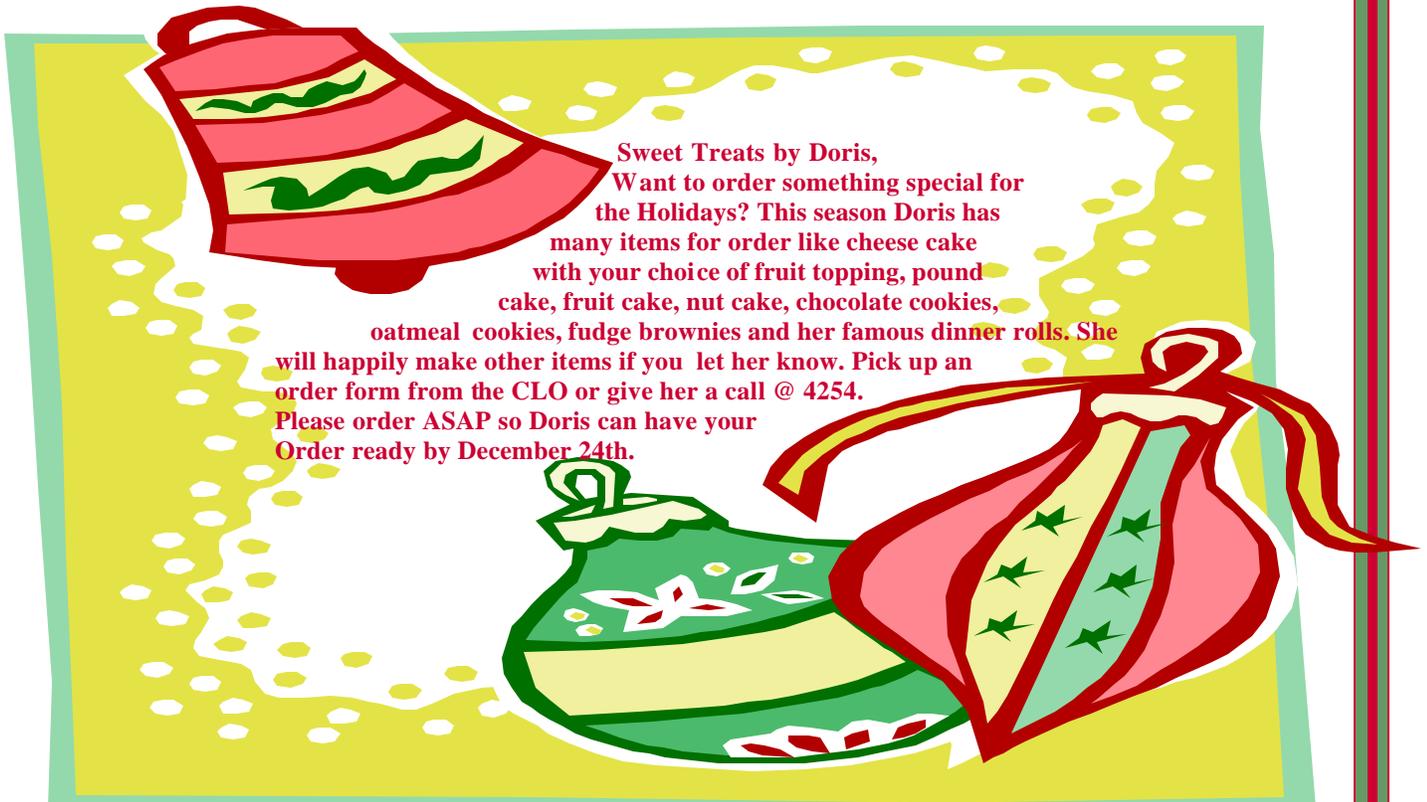
Sergeant Novak entered the Marine Corps in July 2000 and conducted basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, California. Afterwards he attended Aviation Airframes and Hydraulic Mechanics course at NAS Pensacola, FL then reported to Marine Corps Air Station New River, NC as an airframe and hydraulic helicopter mechanic. In March 2003 Sgt Novak was deployed with the 26th MEU aboard U.S.S. Iwo Jima in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Joint Task Force Liberia. Sgt Novak was assigned to the Marine Security Guard Program on March 7, 2004. Upon completion, Sgt Novak reported to the American Embassy in Ankara, Turkey for his first post. He then reported to Yerevan, Armenia on March 8th 2005.

Joe hails from Topeka, Kansas and comes to us directly from Quantico, Virginia.



Everyone is invited!!!!

The time for work has finally passed.
Now it's time to relax.
Join us in celebrating the retirement of
Alicia Quackenbush
Wednesday, December 21st
12:30 P.M.
Portofino's at the Hilton
Please RSVP with the CLO
by December 19th.





BREEF

Through lobbying of government, there is now a ban on grouper fishing between 13th December and 14th February 2006.

Support Bahamian Marine Conservation. Become a Member of BREEF..

You ask who BREEF is?

The Bahamas Reef Environment Educational Foundation encompasses all people who want to see the marine resources of The Bahamas last into the future, and all those who want to learn about the ocean around us. The people who live by the ocean and make their living from the seas stand the most to lose if there is not definitive action taken against those forces which would degrade the habitat for marine creatures. The teachers who have attended the BREEF workshops have a hand in shaping the children of The Bahamas and their perceptions and interactions with the ocean, and serve as BREEF's legacy.



Where's the Fish?

Prohibitions

Use of bleach or other noxious or poisonous substances for fishing, or possession of such substances on board a fishing vessel without the written approval of the Minister, is prohibited.

The use of Self Contained Underwater Breathing Apparatus (SCUBA gear) in the capture of any marine product or resource is prohibited.

Use of firearms or explosives for fishing is prohibited.

Spearfishing within the following areas is prohibited:

- one mile off the coast of New Providence,
- one mile off the southern coast of Freeport, Grand Bahama;
- two-hundred yards off the coast of all other Family Islands.

Nets used for fishing must have a minimum mesh gauge of two inches. Exceptions to this are nets used for catching goggle-eyes and pilchards.

Scalefish traps are required to have a self-destruct panel and minimum mesh sizes of 1 x 2 inches for rectangular wire mesh traps, and 1½ inches (greatest length of mesh) for hexagonal wire mesh traps.

The taking of corals is prohibited.

Construction of artificial reefs without the permission of the Minister is prohibited.

Persons, except those with a Peddler's Permit or a Shop Licence, wishing to sell fish in New Providence must possess a Permit issued by the Minister.

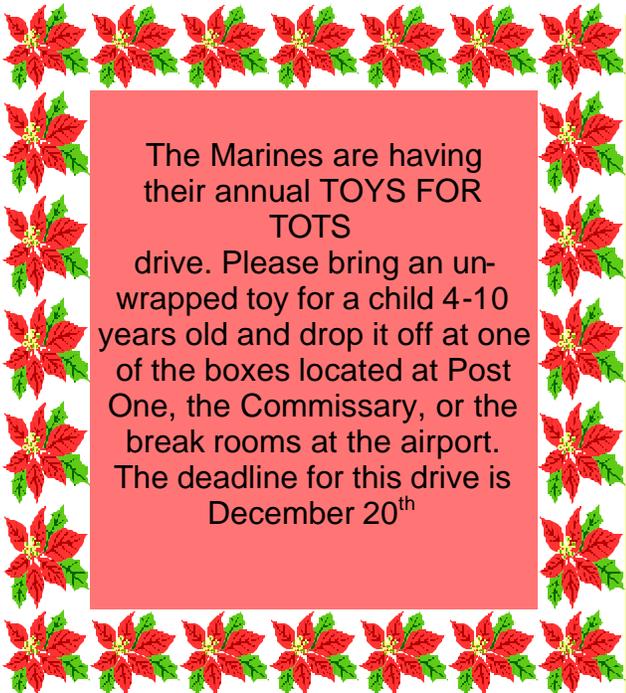
Crawfish

An annual closed season from 1 April - 31 July;

A minimum harvestable size limit of 3¼ inches carapace length or 5½ inches tail length;

The possession of "berried" or egg bearing female crawfish is prohibited. Stripping or otherwise removing the eggs from "berried" females is prohibited.

UPCOMING EVENTS



The Marines are having their annual TOYS FOR TOTS drive. Please bring an unwrapped toy for a child 4-10 years old and drop it off at one of the boxes located at Post One, the Commissary, or the break rooms at the airport. The deadline for this drive is December 20th

Michael Jordan Celebrity Golf Invitational 2006- Volunteers are being! sought by Kerzner International Bahamas Limited for this annual golf tournament hosted by Michael Jordan from January 26 to 29, 2006 at the Ocean Club Golf Course on Paradise Island. There will be a meeting the Saturday before this event to learn about your job as a volunteer. Volunteers are required to work 2 of the 4 days but can work all 4 days if desired. Volunteers are treated very well. They receive a MJ shirt, hat, continental breakfast, lunch, snacks and drinks. If you would like to volunteer, please e-mail Victoria Bethell at Victoria.Bethell@kerzner.com or call 363-2000 ext. 64651 by January 6, 2006. You can also call Milly Krause at 323-4553 if you want more detailed information. .



The Children's Holiday Party

Will be held Tuesday December 20th. Santa will be visiting so we ask the parents to bring a present for each of their children. We are also asking everyone to bring wrapping paper, scissors and tape. We will be helping the e Marines wrap their presents for the Toys for Tots Program. A \$5.00 donation is being requested per child or a 10.00/ family to cover the cost of crafts and refreshments. Please drop by the clo's office, rsvp and turn in your money. If you would like to help out by bringing cookies, candy or know of a great craft, please call Alicia Arnold at 356 -5283.

Caroling to follow after the party.

We will also be collecting for the Marine' stocking. If this a convenient time to drop it off during the party, Alicia or the Clo will gladly accepted anything. We are looking for baked goods, candy, cd's, books and any other item which lets them know they are not forgotten. You don't have to buy for all of them, but every little bit helps.

JUNKANOO JOURNAL ONLINE



Download the Junkanoo Journal from the Embassy Nassau Internet site:

nassau.usembassy.gov

Junkanoo Journal Submission Guidelines

Thanks to all of you who contribute to the Junkanoo Journal. Your contributions are what make it a great newsletter! For anyone interested in submitting articles or photos to the Junkanoo Journal, your submissions are welcome! Here are a few guidelines:

- Always submit by email (CLONAS@state.gov) or disk. Because of time constraints, hard copy submissions might not be published.
- Submit articles as plain text. Don't try to format the submission for publication. What you send won't look the same in this document as it did in yours.
- If you're sending a picture and know how to make it a smaller file, please do.
- If you are sending something you did not write yourself, please credit the author and publication.

Submit your advertisements, articles and announcements to the CLO.

There will a New Years party at the Marine House on **December 31st starting at 8:00 PM**. The Marines will be providing food and drinks at great prices. This will also be the welcome aboard party for our new Marine **Sgt. Novak**. All families are welcome to attend

Leaving Island Sale: Malibu Two Ocean Kayak which includes two seats, two life jackets and two paddles \$500.00. Also a 5 piece Swingstar Drum

Set, which includes a stool, and sticks. Barely used. Both would make great presents. Call Kevin at 326-1727. (pictures in the elevator)

The Marines will be hosting the **National Football Championship Game** on **January 4, 2006** at the Marine House. There will be food and drinks for purchase at this event. We have plenty of TV's and games. All families are welcome to attend

MISSION FAMILY BOOK CLUB - In response to interested Mission Family Members, we will have our first Mission Family Book Club meeting on Wednesday, January 25, 2006 at 7 p.m. at Pat Wielkie's house. Directions will be sent in an e-mail in January. A book will be selected each month by next month's hostess who will pick the book, the theme and the location for that month's meeting. It's recommended that you secure your book ASAP so you have it by the time you plan to read it for the meeting. We will be reading Vinegar Hill by A. Manette Ansay for January's meeting. It can be purchased online at www.amazon.com. Check under the new and used section. Books can also be purchased on island at Chapters, the new bookstore across from COB and at Wongs. If you are planning to join the book club, please e-mail Pat Wielkie at rpkailani@coralwave.com or Milly Krause at millyanddon1948@yahoo.com if you plan to read with us.

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